

APPLICANT'S REMARKS

1. Status of the Claims

With entry of this Amendment, claims 3, 10, and 12 are pending. Claims 1-2, 4-9, 11, and 13-15 are canceled.

2. Amendment of the Pending Claims

In view of the cancellation of Claim 1, Claims 3, 10, and 12 are modified accordingly into independent claims. No new matter has been added.

3. Conclusion

It is believed that the present application is completely in condition for allowance. The Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and that this application be allowed. If a telephone communication with Applicant's representative would be helpful in expediting prosecution of the application, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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